HART GLOWS *— EMI America's Corey Hart became the second artist to receive the Canadian Recording Industry Association's Diamond Certification representing sales in excess of one million albums for "Boy In The Box" in that country. Pictured presenting the prestigious award are (l-r): EMI America's vice president, marketing & sales, Colin Stewart; EMI president Jim Mazza, Hart, Aquarius Management president Terry Flood, EMI America VP, A&R, Neil Portnow and Bob Ramaglia, Hart's personal manager.*

BUSINESS NOTES

Metromedia To Sell Nine Stations

NEW YORK — Metromedia Inc. has agreed to sell nine of its radio stations, as well as the Texas State Networks, to an investor group, led by Metromedia Radio president Carl C. Brazell Jr., and Morgan Stanley & Company for $285 million, the largest amount ever paid for a radio station group.

Metromedia, which is restructuring to concentrate on the telecommunications field, has recently divested itself of its television stations, the Harlem Globetrotters, and several other assets. The radio stations, which are concentrated in several of the nation's largest radio markets, represent an estimated listenership of about 44 million, according to Metromedia. Included in the sale are WNEW-AM and FM, New York; KMET-FM, Los Angeles; WIP-AM and WMMR-FM, Philadelphia; WOMC-FM, Detroit; WASH-FM, Washington, D.C.; WWBA-FM, Tampa/St. Petersburg; and KRLD-AM, Detroit.

The sale is subject to FCC approval.

All-Star Concert To Highlight L.A. Veterans Festival

NEW YORK — An all-star concert at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum will culminate a three day celebration in Los Angeles this Memorial Day weekend, in what organizers have titled the "Veterans Unity Festival." The event hopes to raise funds for veterans organizations in the areas of educational foundations, physical and mental health programs, rehabilitation, and POW and MIA issues. BRAVO (Brotherhood Rally of American Veterans Organization), a California-based, non-profit, public benefit, tax-exempt organization estabilshed 15 years ago to assist and support all veterans and veterans organizations, has coordinated the event. Founder Tony Diamond sees the Unity Festival as "More than just a weekend of fun, rather it will be an opportunity for veterans and non-veterans to meet and share together. A time for veterans of different eras to unite in an event which will transcend their differences and bring into focus their special needs."

Planners say that the event will be linked with other Memorial day activities through satellite and radio broadcasts, and that the day-long concert will be televised nationally in much the same manner as last summer's 'Live Aid' event, with an 800 number for viewers to call and pledge support. Monies generated after costs of the event's expenses will be disbursed to 'grass roots' veterans service organizations; to help in establishing scholarship funds for the children of veterans who did not return, feeding the hungry and housing the homeless veteran, and to interface with the business community to help better prepare veterans for the current job market.

Music industry veterans Larry Weinstein and Rick Wurpel have been contracted by BRAVO to produce the event, and are presently at work securing commitments from performers to appear at the benefit concert on the 26th.

T-I-C-K-E-R-T-A-P-E

NEW YORK — The Music and Performing Arts Unit of B'nai B'rith will host "An Evening With Jon Peisinger," president and chief operating officer of Vestron Inc., April 8, at the Sutton Place Synagogue . . . Blues great Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown will host the American Music Festival '86, June 14, at the Mineral Springs Family Campground, Stafford Springs, CN, to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. . . . The Literacy Volunteers of America Pro/Am Song Contest will attempt to find a song for the 24-year-old volunteer organization to use in its radio and television ads; entry forms can be had from LVA/Song, Syracuse, NY 13217 . . . Chicago will once again jump to the sounds of a free blues festival, June 6-8. Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Robert Cray, the Neville Brothers, Dr. John, and many others will provide the sounds . . . New on the bookshelves: *The Book of Nods* by writer/musician Jim Carroll ($18.95 cloth, $7.95 paper, Penguin), and *McCartney: The Definitive Biography* by Chris Salewicz ($15.95, St. Martin's Press).

EXECUTIVES ON THE MOVE

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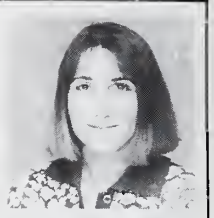

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Miller To MCA — Alonzo Miller has been appointed to the position of director of A&R, black music, for MCA Records. A 15-year radio veteran, Miller was with KACE Radio in Los Angeles for eight and a half years prior to joining MCA. The past seven years he served as music director of KACE.

Two Upped At Atlantic — Atlantic Records has announced two appointments in its media relations department in New York. Horace Burrell, formerly publicity manager, has been promoted to associate director of media relations. At the same time, Diane Gilmour, formerly publicity coordinator, has been upped to manager of media relations.

Dozoretz Named — A&M Films has announced that Wendy Dozoretz has been named the company's director of creative affairs, effective immediately. Dozoretz's responsibilities in her new position will include looking for new projects for A&M Films, as well as developing and packaging existing projects.

Hoppe' Joins — Private Music has appointed Michael Hoppe'. He will be consulting on all international activities for the label.

Cooper Promoted — Mason S. Cooper has been promoted to vice president west coast of Merit Music Corp. in Los Angeles. In his new post, Cooper will oversee all west coast operations. Cooper previously operated as Merit's professional creative manager.

Fox Appointed — Pacific Arts Video has appointed Michael Fox as the home video company's controller. Fox's duties in his new position include the direction of all accounting, MIS and financial activities.

Harper Named — Judith A. Harper has been appointed director, video programming, Columbia House Division, CBS/Records Group. Harper will be responsible for the selection of all video product for the CBS Video Club and Library. She will also serve as a liaison between the Video Club and major film studios as well as suppliers of non-theatrical video product.

Changes At Lippin & Grant — Richard B. Lippin, president of Lippin & Grant, Inc., the international public relations agency, has acquired all of the stock previously held by B. Richard Grant in the corporation. The name of the corporation, Lippin & Grant, Inc., has been changed to The Lippin Group, Inc., with Richard Lippin serving as chairman and chief executive officer. Concurrent with the purchase, Grant has left the company to form his own public relations firm, Richard Grant & Associates.

Cohen Promoted — Arista Records has appointed Mitchell Cohen to the position of A&R consultant for the label. Cohen will also continue to serve as Arista's director, creative advertising and editorial services. In his new capacity, he will be involved in the evaluation of artists and material, as well as the assessment of film and theatrical projects for possible Arista participation.

Changes At Borchetta — Mike Borchetta Promotion of 47 Music Square East, Nashville, has announced that long-time office manager Sue Austin has been promoted to national promotion *Cash Box*. Her duties will include day-to-day record promotion to *Cash Box* reporting stations. Borchetta also announced that veteran country radio programmer and manager Ken Cameron joined the firm in early January and is now involved in record promotion, video promotion and public relations.

King To ECM — ECM Records has appointed Kathryn King as director of publicity and promotion. King, who will be operating out of ECM's New York offices, has functioned in a variety of A&R and administrative roles for ABC Records, Columbia House and SQN and most recently as an independent producer for Sesame Street Records, New World Records and others.

New Firm Established — Gary Kaplan has established Gary Kaplan & Associates, an executive search firm based in Pasadena, California. Former partner of Garofolo, Curtiss and Kaplan, a national executive search company, Kaplan's new firm provides a full range of executive recruiting services.

Sirabian Appointed — PolyGram Records has named Karen Sirabian manager of benefits administration for the company. She will be responsible for the administration of all employee benefits, including life and health insurance, disability, pension, workers' compensation and social security.

Zaks Resigns — Laurie Zaks, director, talent relations at MTV, has left the music channel to resume a career in T.V. and film. Before her duties at MTV she was executive in charge of talent at *"Saturday Night Live"* for three years. She also worked as the talent coordinator on various T.V. specials, including Steve Martin specials and Simon & Garfunkels *"In The Park."*

Changes At Music Motions — Music Motions has announced three new additions in its New York offices. Susan Hendryx comes on board as senior vice president and Andy Green takes the helm as director of information services. Greg McCoy has been working with the company as film services coordinator. Music Motions distributes Music Zaps (music videos) to movie theatres internationally.